

the State Governments are expected to meet the costs of any such Schemes from the resources available to them.

Tractor Loans to Farmers in Rajasthan

6909. SHRIMUMTAZANSARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the total amount of loans advanced to farmers for purchases of tractors by banks in Rajasthan during the year 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported that their information system generates data regarding total loans disbursed by all scheduled commercial banks for purchases of tractors and other agricultural implements and machinery and data separately for tractors is not generated. The total amount of loans disbursed towards tractor and agricultural implements and machinery by all scheduled commercial banks during the year ended June 1990 (latest available) in the State of Rajasthan amounted to Rs. 64 crores.

[*English*]

Export of Fruits and Vegetables to Gulf Countries

6910. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHY ZANTYE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fruits, vegetables, manufactured items fish and meat are exported to Gulf countries;

(b) if so, the quantity and value in foreign exchange of the above items exported to each of the Gulf countries during the last three years;

(c) the countries from which the Government are facing competition for the above exports; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to overcome the situation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The export of these items to Gulf countries was as under:—

Country	1988-89		1989-90		1990-91	
	Qty.	Val.	Qty.	Val.	Qty.	Val.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Saudi Arabia	25566	2251	40808	3307	27996	3705
UAE	101510	9120	87280	8027	85319	8524
Bahrain	8166	784	9826	2172	7737	910
Oman	5978	1022	5903	551	6673	997
Qatar	4253	297	3177	349	2836	299
Kuwait	35782	2768	19942	2493	11794	898
Iraq	66	15	47	5	—	—
Iran	3808	632	—	—	230	75

Qty: Tonnes

Val: Rs. Lakhs

(c) and (d). The major competitors are Pakistan, Turkey, Bangladesh, China, USA, UK, Phillipines, etc. To maintain the competitiveness of Indian exports, the exporters have been encouraged to have better publicity material, brand promotion, effective participation in international trade fairs, improvement in product and packaging, etc.

[*Translation*]

Construction of National Highway with Help of Foreign Contractors

6911. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to adopt foreign technology for reconstruction national highways and also propose to utilize the services of foreign contractors for this purpose; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Basically, National Highway works are being executed with latest practices appropriate to the Indian conditions. Modernisation of road construction technology is a gradual process and efforts are being made continuously

to bring about improvements, keeping in view any new techniques adopted by the other countries. Works on National Highways are being carried out by Indian contractors normally. However, projects taken up with external loan assistance are open to foreign contractors or joint ventures formed by them also, as per conditions of the loan assistance. For projects proposed to be taken up in near future with assistance from World Bank, Asian Development Bank, and Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECD), foreign contractors will be allowed to bid provided they have been prequalified.

[*English*]

World Bank Aided Projects in Bihar

6912. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the brief particulars of the World Bank aided projects in Bihar with their location, estimated cost, proposed assistance by the World Bank, date of commencement and the estimated date of completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESH-WAR THAKUR): A list of World Bank aided projects in Bihar, with their location, estimated cost, aid commitment, date of commencement & the estimated date of completion is given in the statement attached.